

Pinnacles National Park in the State of California as a unit of the National Park System, S. 3778 and H.R. 4773, bills to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to lease certain lands within Fort Pulaski National Monument, S. 3820, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to issue permits for a microhydro project in nonwilderness areas within the boundaries of Denali National Park and Preserve, to acquire land for Denali National Park and Preserve from Doyon Tourism, Inc, S. 3822, to adjust the boundary of the Carson National Forest, New Mexico, and H.R. 1858, to provide for a boundary adjustment and land conveyances involving Roosevelt National Forest, Colorado, to correct the effects of an erroneous land survey that resulted in approximately 7 acres of the Crystal Lakes Subdivision, Ninth Filing, encroaching on National Forest System land, after receiving testimony from Senator Begich; Katharine H. Stevenson, Associate Director, Business Services, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; Gregory C. Smith, Director of Lands, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; and Aaron Schutt, Doyon, Limited, Fairbanks, Alaska.

AL-MEGRAHI RELEASE

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the al-Megrahi release, focusing on one year later, after receiving testimony from Senator Lautenberg; Nancy McEldowney, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs; Bruce Swartz, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice; James L. Mohler, Roswell Park Cancer Center, Buffalo, New York; Oliver Sartor, Tulane Cancer Center, New Orleans, Louisiana; and Geoff D. Porter, New York, New York.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 3806, to protect Federal employees and visitors, improve the security of Federal facilities and authorize and modernize the Federal Protective Service, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 2142, to require quarterly performance assessments of Government programs for purposes of assessing agency performance and improvement, and to establish agency performance improvement officers and the Performance Improvement Council, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3794, to amend chapter 5 of title 40, United States Code, to include organizations whose membership comprises substantially veterans as recipient organizations for the donation of Federal surplus personal property through State agencies, with an amendment;

H.R. 4543, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4285 Payne Avenue in San Jose, California, as the “Anthony J. Cortese Post Office Building”;

H.R. 5341, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 100 Orndorf Drive in Brighton, Michigan, as the “Joyce Rogers Post Office Building”;

H.R. 5390, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 13301 Smith Road in Cleveland, Ohio, as the “David John Donafee Post Office Building”;

H.R. 5450, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3894 Crenshaw Boulevard in Los Angeles, California, as the “Tom Bradley Post Office Building”; and

The nomination of Maria Elizabeth Raffinan, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

IMPROVING FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY AT THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security concluded a hearing to examine improving financial accountability at the Department of Defense, focusing on financial management improvement and how the audit readiness efforts continue to evolve, after receiving testimony from Robert F. Hale, Under Secretary, Comptroller, Elizabeth A. McGrath, Deputy Chief Management Officer, Eric Fanning, Deputy Under Secretary of the Navy, and Deputy Chief Management Officer, U.S. Navy, David Tillotson III, Deputy Chief Management Officer, U.S. Air Force, Office of the Under Secretary of the Air Force; Lieutenant General Robert E. Durbin, Acting Deputy Chief Management Officer, U.S. Army, all of the Department of Defense; and Asif A. Khan, Director, Financial Management and Assurance, Government Accountability Office.

CRIMES AGAINST AMERICA’S HOMELESS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime and Drugs concluded a hearing to examine crimes against America’s homeless, focusing on if the violence is growing, after receiving testimony from Representative Johnson (TX); Richard Wierzbicki, Broward County Florida Sheriff’s Office, Ft. Lauderdale; Brian H. Levin, California State University Center for the Study of Hate and Extremism, San Bernardino; Erik Luna, Washington and Lee University School of Law, Lexington, Virginia; David B. Muhlhausen, The Heritage Foundation Center for Data Analysis, Washington, D.C.; and Simone Manning-Moon, Decatur, Georgia.